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SUBJECT: MOSVOLD COMPANY

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1. IN DISCUSSIONS HERE WITH NORWEGIAN AMBASSADOR TO KENYA, R.K. ANDRESEN, AND FIRST SECRETARY PER A. TOLLEFSEN, BOTH OF WHOM ARE DEALING WITH MOSVOLD CASE IN ADDIS, EMBOFF GOT IMPRESSION GON HOPING USG WILL SOLVE PROBLEM OF MOSVOLD NATIONALIZATION. DRIVING CONCERN OF THESE PARTICULAR OFFICIALS SEEMED TO BE WHETHER MOSVOLD IS MAJORITY U.S.-OWNED. IF IT IS, THEY EVIDENTLY THINK THEIR WORK ON MOSVOLD CASE IS OVER. IF EPMG WERE NOT TO COMPENSATE MAJORITY U.S. OWNED FIRM, TOLLEFSEN BELIEVED, ALL KINDS OF U.S. SANCTIONS WOULD AUTOMATICALLY GO INTO EFFECT, INCLUDING CUT-OFF OF U.S. ECONOMIC AND MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO ETHIOPIA. HE SEEMED CONFIDENT THAT THIS THREAT WOULD MAKE EPMG SEE LIGHT. ETHIOPIAN GOVERNMENT WOULD COMPENSATE MOSVOLD PROMPTLY. IN REQUESTING ACTIVE U.S. ROLE, TOLLEFSEN EXPLAINED THAT NORWAY HAS NO REPEAT NO BILATERAL AID PROGRAM IN ETHIOPIA AND ALMOST NO REPEAT NO TRADE. ADRESEN REFERRED TO "INNOCENT LITTLE NORWAY."

2. EMPHASIZING THAT EMBASSY NAIROBI HAS NO DIRECT COMPETENCE IN THIS CASE, EMBOFF MENTIONED THAT DIVISION OF

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MOSVOLD OWNERSHIP WAS APPARENTLY STILL NOT REPEAT NOT

CLEAR. MOREOVER, EVEN IF MOSVOLD WERE MAJORITY U.S.-OWNED,
U.S. LEGISLATION WHICH PROVIDES SANCTIONS IS APPLIED ONLY
AFTER THE MOST CAREFUL ANALYSIS OF FACTS. EMBOFF
SAID TOLLEFSEN WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO APPROACH INTER-
PRETATION OF U.S. LAW MODESTLY. TOLLEFSEN THEN SUBSIDED
SOMEWHAT FROM HIS PREVIOUS CONFIDENT KNOWLEDGE OF U.S.
LAW AND SUGGESTED THAT IN ANY CASE FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS
SHOULD BE TO DETERMINE WHAT MOSVOLD ITSELF WISHED TO DO;
HE AND ANDRESEN WERE IGNORANT ABOUT MOSVOLD'S
PLAN OF ACTION.

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